



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

RQ-3

May 21, 1998

Michael M. Baylson, Treasurer
The Big Tent PAC
4200 One Liberty Place
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Identification Number: C00285098

Reference: Year End Report (7/1/97-12/31/97)

Dear Mr. Baylson:

This letter is to inform you that as of May 20, 1998, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated April 22, 1998. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Neil Evans on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John D. Gibson", is positioned above the typed name and title.

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosure



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

RQ-2

APR 22 1998

Michael M. Baylson, Treasurer
The Big Tent PAC
4200 One Liberty Place
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Identification Number: C00285098

Reference: Year End Report (7/1/97-12/31/97)

Dear Mr. Baylson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) precludes a non-multicandidate political committee and its affiliates, from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. Please refer to the Campaign Guide for information on how a committee qualifies for multicandidate status.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$1,000 and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on

Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule D of your report has failed to include certain information. Commission Regulations require the full name and mailing address of each creditor, the outstanding balance at the beginning and end of the reporting period, the amount incurred during the period, the payment made during the period, and the nature or purpose of each debt. Additionally, all debts must be reported continuously until extinguished or settled. Please amend your report by providing the nature of debt (purpose). 11 CFR §104.11

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses contributions to federal candidates for which no election designation has been provided. Please note that if no designation is included in your report, the contributions will be attributed to the next upcoming election for the recipient candidate. Thus, for future reporting purposes, it is in your committee's interest to designate the appropriate election in order to avoid the appearance of excessive contributions made to federal candidates by your committee.

-For future reporting, please be advised that only contributions to federal candidates and political committees should be itemized on a separate Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions to non-federal candidates and committees should be itemized on Schedule B supporting Line 29.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Neil Evans
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE B

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use separate schedule(s)
for each category of the
Detailed Summary PagePAGE 1 OF 1
FORM LINE NUMBER
23

Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

The Big Tent PAC

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Tom Saylor for Supreme Court 1211 Locust Street Phila., PA 19107	Cont. - Supreme Ct. PA Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	9/9/97	\$2,500
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Republican Com. of Chester Co. c/o Paula Gowen 16 Wilmont Mews, W. Chester, PA	Purpose of Disbursement Cont. - Ad Book Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	9/24/97	\$ 250.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Santorum 2000 Committee Phila., PA	Purpose of Disbursement Con. - US Congress Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	9/24/97	\$2,000.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Phila. Family Council P.O. Box 755 Glenside, PA 19038	Purpose of Disbursement Cont. - fundraiser Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	10/23/97	\$ 200.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Republican State Committee c/o Allan Novaek 112 State Street Harrisburg, PA 17101	Purpose of Disbursement Cont. for judicial candidates Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	11/4/97	\$1,500.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code PA State Committee c/o Sam Fisher 112 State Street Harrisburg, PA 17171	Purpose of Disbursement cont. - reception for Chris Torretti Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	12/31/97	\$1,000.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

\$7,450.00

